

REMARKS

The claimed invention is directed to a portable electronic device that adjusts the size of displayed information based on an average measured ambient light. For example, if the average measured ambient light decreases, the portable electronic device increases the size of the displayed information. With this response, the applicants amend independent claims 1 and 24 to include the limitations of originally filed claims 20 and 38, respectively. As amended, the independent claims require adjusting the size of the displayed information based on an average measured ambient light in response to user input.

The pending office action rejects independent claims 1 and 24, and dependent claims 20 and 38 as obvious over Besharat (US2005/0037815) in view of Bechtel (US2003/0103141). Besharat describes a portable electronic device that adjusts the color and/or size characteristics of displayed information based on a measured ambient light. See Abstract, Summary, and Figures 4, 5, and 7. Bechtel describes a vehicle viewing system that displays a scene, an image of a scene behind the vehicle, to a driver of the vehicle. The described system averages a measured ambient light and adjusts the intensity of the display based inter alia on the average ambient light levels. See Abstract, Summary, and ¶[0062].

Nothing in Besharat or Bechtel teaches adjusting the size of displayed information in response to user input. In fact, the section of Besharat relied upon by the examiner for the this teaching (Figures 3 and 4) actually teaches automatic size adjustment. Because neither Besharat nor Bechtel teach or suggest adjusting the size of displayed information based on an average measured ambient light in response to user input, independent claims 1 and 24 and all claims depending therefrom are patentably distinct from the cited art. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

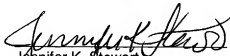
Further, at least claims 11 – 13, 31 – 34 and 40 add patentably distinct limitations to independent claims 1 and 24. While Besharat describes a mobile device with a microphone,

nothing in Besharat teaches or suggests that the microphone may be used to receive an audible display command, as required by claim 40. Claims 11 – 13 and 31 – 34 are directed to a determining a display temperature. The examiner concedes that neither Besharat nor Bechtel teach the claimed display temperature limitations, but asserts that Kuwata (EP1158484) solves this deficiency. Kuwata describes adjusting display characteristics based on a measured temperature of an environment surrounding a display. However, Kuwata does not teach determining the actual display temperature or controlling the display based on the actual display temperature, as required by claims 11 – 13 and 31 – 34. For at least these reasons, claims 11 – 13, 31 – 34, and 40 add patentably distinct limitations to independent claims 1 and 24.

In light of the amendments and remarks presented herein, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration of all rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance. Should any issue remain unresolved, the applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned so that any such issues may be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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